motor and steam boats, will the Government be pleased to state the correct position of their two alternative ones?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There are no alternatives to be considered. It is clear from the context that the dues that are being realised by the Cochin Canal Department according to the rules in force were fixed with reference to the rates prevailing in Travancore and Malabar.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Sir, in the answer under reference, did not the Hon'ble Member for Engineering say, or at any previous meetings of this Council was he pleased to say, that these rates were levied after consulting the boat-owners themselves?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I do not remember to have said so.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is he in a position to say definitely?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—In the light of the facts, will the Hon'ble Member be pleased to see that regarding boats ranging between 2 and 99 tons, the matter of having a graduated scale of taking them will be revised in view of the disabilities we have already brought to your notice and in view of the fact that the Hon'ble Member for Engineering has been pleased to say that in general the Government would be pleased to look into the matter of alleviating their miseries? Will the Government be pleased to say whether there is any harm in making these instlments four, instead of the two which were allowed for the last few years?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I am sorry I am not in a position to say anything definitely on this question at present as to whether we can sanction an instalment system of payment.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Has not the Government been pleased to give two instalments already?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—One or two years previously we made that concession. It was also in collaboration with the Travancore Government. We can consider this question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Thanks.

Cranganur Hospital and Typhoid Patients.

277. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government say the number of Typhoid patients treated in the Cranganur Hospital within the last one year?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Sixty-five (up to 13th Karkadagam 1109).

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know how many of these people died?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I have no information.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is the Hon'ble Member for Medicine in a position to say whether at least one died?

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Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I am not in a position to say any definite number.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Are the Government aware that Typhoid is on the increase in our State?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether the Government is taking any precautionary measures to check its growth?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—This is a matter concerning the Health Department.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—I am asking the Government, not to any particular department.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—The Health Department has been constructing good water supplying wells and so on, so that people may not use water from contaminated parts. That is one of the activities.

Appointment of a Special Judge in the Chief Court.

278. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) which are (i) the Full Bench cases,

(ii) the Division Bench cases to be tried by the Special Judge whose appointment is notified in the Gazette, dated 30th Mithunam 1109;

(b) the gentlemen who were offered the place?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—

(a) (i) A. S. 146/07
A. S. 39/08
A. S. 18/09
A. S. 19/09
(ii) A. S. 137/08
S. A. 6/09
A. S. 63/09

(b) The post was offered only to one person, viz., Mr. T. A. Sesha Ayyar, Advocate, Calicut.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether this offer to Mr. T. A. Sesha Ayyar, Advocate, Calicut was made at the suggestion of the Hon'ble Chief Court?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I regret it is not fair to disclose the correspondence that might have passed between the Government and the departmental heads on this matter.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether the names of any member of the bar was suggested for this place by the Chief Court?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It amounts to the same thing. I regret I cannot answer such questions.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—With your leave, Sir, may I club question Nos. 278 and 279?

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